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1. EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL MINISTER-COUNSELOR ON JUNE 5 TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECT TO RAISE CODE OF CONDUCT QUESTION WITH FRG ASST. SECRETARY AT CHANCELLORY HISS AND FONOFF ASST. SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS HERMES. WHILE EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING OF US VIEWPOINT, BOTH WERE CONFIDENT FRG WOULD SIGN CONVENTION FOR SAME REASONS GIVEN EARLIER BY FONOFF OFFICIAL VON RUMOHR (REFTEL B) THAT FRG HAD VOTED FOR CONVENTION AND WOULD BE EMBARRASSED VIS-A-VIS LDC'S IF IT FAILED TO SIGN NOW. HOWEVER THEY POINTED OUT THAT RATIFICATION QUESTION WAS LESS CLEAR AND WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON EC FINDINGS ON ACCORDANCE OF CODE WITH TREATY OF ROME. THOUGH THEY BELIEVE ROME TREATY NOT APPLICABLE HERE THEY STILL CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO CLEAR MATTER THROUGH BRUSSELS. THEY NOTED THAT DUTCH AND DANES HAD MADE FORCIBLE REPRESENTATIONS OPPOSING CODE, BUT THAT FRG HAS HAD NO SIMILAR PRESSURE FROM BRITISH. HERMES STATED PLAINLY THAT HE BELIEVED THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT FRG WOULD SIGN CONVENTION AND THAT HE WAS IRRITATED BY INTERVENTION OF ECONOMICS MINISTRY IN MATTER HE CONSIDERED TO BE IN FOREIGN OFFICE COMPETENCE. (IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION ECONOMICS MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FRAU STEEG TOLD THE MINISTER-COUNSELOR THAT SHE WOULD WORK TO HAVE ECONOMICS MINISTER HOLD OUT AGAINST SIGNING.)

2. ON JUNE 7 OECD AMBASSADOR TURNER AND MINISTER-COUNSELOR DISCUSSED CONVENTION WITH SECRETARY
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OF STATE FOR TRANSPORTATION HEINZ RUHNAU WHO SAID HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN AWARE OF USG OPPOSITION TO FRG'S SIGNING CONVENTION AND WOULD NOW CONSIDER MATTER AGAIN IN VIEW OF OUR POSITION. HE SAID HE DID NOT LIKE TO MAKE WAVES OVER PRINCIPLE. SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN HAMBURG IN BAD SHAPE AND WANTED THIS CONVENTION SO TRANSPORT MINISTRY HAD BEEN MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION.

3. COMMENT: USG VIEWS OF CONVENTION NOW HAVE BEEN
BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF HIGH LEVELS OF CHANCELLORY AND
RELEVANT MINISTRIES, BUT WE ARE NOT OVERLY HOPEFUL
THAT OUR REPRESENTATIONS WILL CHANGE FRG POSITION.
DEPARTMENT PRESUMABLY WILL NOW WANT TO WEIGH PRIORITIES
AND DECIDE WHETHER WE WILL CARRY FURTHER OUR OPPOSITION
TO FRG'S SIGNING CONVENTION.
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